

Nov. 15—Order for the building of two new cruisers, each of 12 764 tons.

Dec. 14—Order for the building of ten new torpedo boats.

Dec. 20—The Minister of the Navy asks for 250,000 000 roubles for vessels destined for the defense of Saint Petersburg, the coasts of Finland, and Port Arthur. Orders also are issued to increase the Pacific squadron by four ironclads, six cruisers, and a torpedo flotilla.

Jan 12—The budgets of war and navy are respectively increased by 80,000,000 and 43,000,000 roubles.

Jan. 18—Russian troops on the frontier of Afghanistan are increased by 20,000 men.

Jan. 19—The Minister of the Navy proposes the building of a new cruiser of 6 250 tons and of two torpedo boats. He orders also the construction of three ironclads of 12 700 tons each, and of two cruisers of 600 and of 3 000.

## Personal Mention

Brother Lyon gives the readers of the EVANGELIST something to think about in his article, "Our Influence."

If the roads permit a twelve mile drive the editor is expected to preach at the Fair Haven church this coming Sabbath.

Brother S. W. Wilt held a short but very profitable meeting at West Independence, Ohio, resulting in five accessions.

The address of brother J. W. Smouse has been changed from Johnstown, Pa., to Yellow Creek, Pa. His correspondents will please make a note of this.

Brother Copp sent us \$4.50 for three new subscribers, and after receiving our Bible premium he writes, "The Bible is simply immense as a premium." What everybody says must be true.

We print in this issue a very interesting letter from Brother Holsinger, and take pleasure in announcing that another is on hand for next week's paper. We hope Brother Holsinger's health will permit him to keep up these communications. The brotherhood loves to hear from him.

Brother L. A. Hazlett reports three accessions not before reported, and in connection with it writes us a very encouraging letter. Modesty forbids its publication. Thanks, brother. You have done us much good. At the close of his letter Brother Hazlett says, "I shall endeavor to show my faith and sincerity of the above by my works—new subscribers."

Brother J. C. Ewing is now located in Dayton, Ohio. His presence in that city is a very valuable addition to the Dayton Mission. The pastor of that mission, Brother Copp, has already found him and set him to work. After April 1, Brother Copp will devote all his time to the mission in Dayton. The field is rapidly developing, and it will not be very long until this mission will be self-supporting.

Brother Darling writes, "I am glad to report four more accessions to the church here, all young men. We are praying for a revival spirit not only in winter but in summer as well." That is right brother. We trust your prayer will be answered, not alone for the Pittsburg church, but for the whole brotherhood. Why should the church relax her efforts when the warm months come? Does Satan call in his agents when the summer months begin? Surely not.

### Of Mail Order Fame

One of the most conspicuous monuments to the value of extensive advertising is the immense establishment of Sears, Roebuck & Co., of Chicago, Ill., which in scarcely five years has grown to be one of the largest department stores in that city. They aim to get a lion's share of the trade, and that is the reason they advertise goods at figures that must appeal to those who may know the regular prices and are only too anxious for a chance to buy such goods for less money than they can be bought elsewhere. They advertise sewing machines, organs and other valuable articles in this paper.

## Brief Notes

Some "sacred concerts" in New York have been raided by the police for alleged violations of the Sunday laws. There appears to be a shortness in the sacredness of these entertainments.

It is stated that some large factory owners in the north have voluntarily increased the wages of their employees. We fear that these little spring birds of the millennium are coming into this cold world a little too early.

Buffalo, N. Y., has adopted the voting machine. If the whole country could unadopt the two legged voting machine, it would be a mighty good thing.

An English writer says that the United States represents the political conscience of the world. He must have a grudge against the world's political conscience.

For merely suggesting the possible failure of the Czar's peace proposals, a St. Petersburg paper was suppressed. We ought to apply the same summary treatment to those states of mind in us which sometimes shadow God's promises and God's love with the suggestion of failure.

A new music hall is to be built in New York for the use of the rich alone. What would happen if these plunderers of the world should be able to plunder heaven also, and shut out the poor? Divine music they would thus monopolize but the music of Christ's love for the unfortunate and the lowly has no melody for them. There will be no aristocratic music halls in heaven for the use of the rich alone.

An English Guide book makes the curious assertion that a large proportion of those who have made the ascent of Mount Blanc have been persons of unsound mind. The whole world used to assert the same concerning those who are earnestly trying to ascend Mount Zion. To put life in peril without any object is a species of insanity, but to put life in peril, if necessary, for the soul's salvation is the sublimest wisdom.

A subterranean city in Poland has a population of 1000 men women and children many of whom have never seen the light of day. There are millions, however, who have never seen the light of life, so deeply buried are they in sin, its darkness and its death. Who will go down and tell them of the beautiful world above them?

Spain is offering to buy the ransom of her prisoners held by Aguinaldo, the Philippino leader. Prisoners of sin and Satan, prisoners of death, may all be ransomed, since a price most precious has been paid for their souls, even the blood of the Perfect One.

The government proposes to enlist natives of Cuba and Porto Rico in the United States army. Thus in spiritual matters we are first made free and then enlisted under the banner of the cross. Gratitude for our deliverance from the galling bondage ought to make us good and faithful soldiers.

The doctrine of the Pope's infallibility appears to be a practical and workable one in that so called church. Catholic prelates, theologians and historians will discuss their differences and express their convictions earnestly, until eventually, when the controversy becomes noisy, the Pope will publish his decision, and immediately every other fellow will expressly renounce his own opinions. The mind of the Pope is the mind of the church. The mind of Christ doesn't appear to be in it.

The distress signals of a disabled ship were recently unheeded on the ocean by a passing vessel, and the unfortunate crew and passengers were abandoned to what might have proved a sad fate. This is the way of the world. You have got to look out for number one here, and if number two isn't able to swim let him sink. Far different is the Lord's treatment of our distress signals, for he graciously invites us, "Call on me in the day of trouble and I will deliver thee."

The newspapers announce the death of a celebrated forger who by this criminal method got five millions dollars from the bank of England. He stole five millions; and he is dead. Put these two facts along side of each other, and see how they strike you. But what record will you leave behind at death?

The billion dollar coal trust just organized, including all the great coal fields and coal roads, will be able to levy a tribute of some hundred millions a year on consumer's of coal. But of course they will do no such thing, as all these trusts are benevolent associations for the increase of human happiness. Let them come along. The sooner we all become the "niggers" of monopoly the sooner will the real issue of the twentieth century be squarely faced.

It is well known that the bloodiest murderer of all the ages has been greed. Even its tender mercies are cruel. Food monopolies will extort a double price in a famine. Fuel trusts will toss up the price of fuel when killing arctic blizzards blow. They will starve the poor to death, and freeze them to death, in order to increase their swollen profits. There is no form of murder too horrible for covetousness to commit. Witness, for one example, the infernal saloon sitting securely upon the shoulders of our so-called civilization. No wonder the Master said, "Beware of covetousness." "The love of money is the root of all evil."

It is stated that the Attorney General of Ohio recently refused a bribe of half a million dollars offered by the Standard Oil trust on condition that he would stop the prosecution of that monopoly. It is a favorite and most successful policy of Satan to offer the bribe of worldly pleasure, in some of its many forms, to draw us from the path of virtue and godliness. Why should a man sell his soul, or what would it profit him tho in exchange for it he got the whole world?

A New York magistrate before whose Monday court the usual crowd of Sunday drunks were arraigned has made the astounding discovery that the saloons are responsible for these crimes. He dismissed the poor sots and ordered the police to find the guilty saloon keepers and arrest them. The question naturally comes up, are not these saloons just as guilty every day of the week as on Sunday for selling rum to weak inebriates, or to anyone for that matter? But this logical liquor law licenses on Monday what it outlaws on Sunday, and therein lies one of the evidences of our advanced civilization,—advanced to the edge of a cess pool.

The whole literary world has been watching by the side of Kipling's sick bed, and its sympathies are more deeply stirred than before because of the death of the poet's little daughter. The ties of the heart are wider and tenderer than those of the intellect, and a much wider circle than the literary can sympathize with the poet in that sad bereavement so common in the experience of the world, which darkens his home.

United States Consuls have warned Cuban ship- pers that as yet the Cuban flag, not being the flag of a recognized nation, is no protection to shipping in foreign ports. It is the authority behind the visible symbol which gives it influence and power. A flag is just so much cloth if it is not backed by the authority of a nation. Without the divine authority behind it, the Bible would only be so much paper.

A German scientist has built a house of glass in Japan, intended to exclude the microbes or germs of disease. All the air admitted to the house is sterilized, that is to say the microbes of disease are taken out by a simple device, and such microbes as happen to find their way in on the clothes of visitors quickly die in the beautiful sunlight which floods the house. This unique house is a beautiful symbol of what the world will be when its moral and spiritual atmosphere shall be purified from the germs of disease and death, and the life giving light from the Sun of Righteousness shall gladden and vivify the happy nations.